



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Indigenous Relationship Building Workshop**

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**Department: CAO**

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**Attachments:**

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**Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby approves Report Number CAO-2022-10-37 prepared by Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer AND authorizes the municipal office to be closed on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 from 1 – 4 pm.

**Background:**

The Municipal Innovation Council has retained Trish Meekins from Nikaanaganaa Counselling & Learning Centre in Owen Sound to lead participants through a 3-hour workshop that will provide a foundation to strengthen the relationship between elected officials and municipal staff in Bruce County.

The goal of this training is to enhance self-awareness and strengthen the skills and knowledge needed to promote positive and productive relationships with Indigenous people in Bruce County so we can be part of the healing and learning to support reconciliation with Indigenous friends, neighbours, and communities.

This training also addresses the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action that focus on municipal governments, specifically training for public servants.

Four half day sessions have been coordinated across Bruce County. Each half day session can accommodate approximately 40 people. Three sessions will be held for staff and one for elected officials following the municipal election.

**Discussion:**

One of the afternoon sessions are being held in Ripley on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 from 1-4 pm. All of staff at the municipal office have registered for this workshop. We believe this is a great learning opportunity for staff especially when its being held in Ripley. To this end we will be closing the Municipal Office for the afternoon. We will be sure to advertise this widely.

**Financial Impacts:**

Included in the Municipal Innovation 2022 Budget.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

n/a

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

**Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer